

# Nevada's Shining Star Schools

## Overview

Shining Star Schools have significantly outperformed the State in serving ALL kids, with an emphasis on closing the opportunity gap. These high poverty, high performing schools, set the bar for what we believe is possible for each Rising Star School.

## Definitions

**Shining Star School** – A shining star school is a *high-performing* school serving a high percentage of students in poverty (at least 75% of students eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch, 50% for high schools). *High-performing* is defined as any school receiving a 4 or 5-Star Rating on the most recently available statewide system of accountability OR performing in the top ten percent of the state on the most recently available statewide assessment of student achievement.

**Honorable Mention** – A school that is serving a high percentage of students in poverty (at least 75% of students eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch, 50% for high schools) and is *approaching high-performing*, but does not yet qualify. Schools are considered to be *approaching high-performing* if they are in the top 25% of the state on the most recently available statewide assessment of student achievement.

**Recognition for Significant Improvement** – A school that meets the criteria to be considered an Honorable Mention Shining Star School and has made rapid and significant improvement as a school formerly on the Underperforming Schools List, or has made progress in closing the opportunity gap.

## Shining Star Schools

District	School	2016 Designation	Percent of Students Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch (For year recognized)	2014 Star-Rating	2016 SBAC Average Proficiency <sup>1</sup>	2016 SBAC or ACT Statewide Rank (Percentile)
Clark	Cahlan ES	Shining Star (2015 Star-Rating)	100%	4		69 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Clark	Ferron ES	Shining Star (2015 Star-Rating)	78.7%	4		62 <sup>nd</sup> Percentile
Clark	Roundy ES	Shining Star (2015 Star-Rating)	87.6%	4		68 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Clark	SECTA	Shining Star (2015 Star-Rating)	53.2%	5		76 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Clark	VTCTA HS	Shining Star (2015 Star-Rating)	59.3%	5		79 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Clark	ECTA	Shining Star (2015 Star-Rating)	64.2%	5		77 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Esmeralda	Dyer ES	Shining Star (2015 Star-Rating)	78.6%	4		79 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Pershing	Imlay ES	Shining Star (2015 Star-Rating)	91.5%	5		69 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Washoe	Anderson ES	Shining Star (2015 Star-Rating)	100%	4		32 <sup>nd</sup> Percentile
Clark	Vegas Verdes ES	Recognition for Significant Improvement (2016 Proficiency)	78.8%	2	57%	82 <sup>nd</sup> Percentile
Nye	Beatty ES	Recognition for Significant Improvement (2016 Proficiency)	83.3%	3		Gap Closure

<sup>1</sup> The top 10<sup>th</sup> percentile for the 2016 SBAC is 63% proficient. The top 25<sup>th</sup> percentile for the 2016 SBAC is 52% proficient.

## 2016 Summary of Shining Stars Schools

- In 2016 there are a total of nine Shining Star Schools and two schools Recognized for Significant Improvement.
- All Shining Star Schools met the eligibility criteria based on 2014 star ratings. There were no high-poverty schools scoring in the top ten percent on the most recent statewide assessment of student achievement. Specifically, there were no high-poverty elementary or middle schools scoring in the top ten percent on the Smarter Balanced Assessment and no high-poverty high schools scoring in the top ten percent on the ACT.
- There is one high poverty elementary school in the top 25% on the most recent statewide assessment of student achievement. This school is Recognized for Significant Improvement.
- Due to the transition in the Nevada School Performance Framework and that change in Assessments, data for the 2015-2016 school year is incomplete. In an effort to be comprehensive, data from 2014 and 2016 were used to identify Shining Star Schools. Vegas Verdes Elementary School has demonstrated rapid and significant improvement between 2014 and 2016.